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SALT II TALKS AND ANGOLA: PORTUGUESE MEDIA CONTINUED TO EMPHASIZE U.S.-MOSCOW DIFFERENCES OVER ANGOLA AND POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES THIS COULD CREATE IN SALT NEGOTIATIONS. SAMPLE FRONT-PAGE JAN. 22 HEADLINE, IN "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS": "ANGOLA OVERSHADOWS KISSINGER-BREZHNEV MEETING." LENGTHY "O SEculo" JAN. 22 WRAPUP ON MOSCOW TALKS SAID, "IT IS CERTAIN THAT WASHINGTON HAS EMERGED QUITE WEAKENED WITH ITS DEFEAT IN VIETNAM, SO THAT TODAY IT NO LONGER HAS THE DIPLOMATIC ARMAMENT AVAILABLE TO IT WHEN IT BEGAN THAT INVOLVEMENT IN ASIA...." SOME PRESS REPORTS INCLUDED REFERENCES TO TIME MAGAZINE ARTICLE STATEMENT THAT THERE ARE SEVEN CIA AGENTS IN ANGOLA BESIDES A HANDFUL OF ANGOLAN INFORMERS WHO "SEND INFORMATION OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY, TELEPHONING THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN LISBON." OTHER JAN. 21 AND 22 PRESS REPORTS PLAYED UP REUTERS STORY TO EFFECT THAT CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAID CIA ARMS SUPPORT TO ANGOLAN GROUPS "FAR SURPASSED" A PREVIOUSLY REPORTED FIGURE OF 25 MILLION DOLLARS.
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